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Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Ave
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

This letter is being submitted as an objection to IUB Docket Number: HLP-2021-0003

To whom it may concern:

The Libertarian Party of Delaware County is vehemently opposed to IUB granting Navigator Heartland LLC the use of eminent domain against the property owners of Delaware County Iowa. Furthermore, we find the State use of eminent domain to force any property owner to sell their real property against their will for the benefit of a private company morally repugnant.

Consider if a company builds a business plan whereby the only way the project would be profitable is by the direct intervention of the State moving against its own citizens forcing them to sell their property, then it is clear the business plan is deeply flawed and is a venture that should not be fostered by a representative form of government. If a property owner chooses to sell his land to provide an easement for a CO2 pipeline that is his right, however the rights of the property owner that chooses not to sell her land must be equally protected. If the Navigator CO2 Pipeline business plan is unable to account for a denial to use eminent domain, then such a business plan, which is already unviable without federal and state tax handouts, then clearly the business is gravely flawed and clearly bad for Iowa.

This project has also been billed as a necessary step for building markets for farmers, however, the markets being spoken of are ethanol blended gasoline for states like California which has already legislated gasoline automobiles into extinction making such a market short-sighted and a false bill of goods. CO2 is a resource and should be viewed through this lens rather than a waste product and a source for BlackRock siphoning off taxes from the American public.

Therefore, given these many threats against Delaware County property owners rights we strongly urge the Iowa Utilities Board to deny Navigator Heartland LLC the use of eminent domain.

Sincerely,
Libertarian Party of Delaware County

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